

and asked that they should accept him as their loving lord.^x They consented after ten days on terms which left them considerable autonomy; that the Count should neither imprison the citizens nor let them be imprisoned without due trial, that he should not demand military service from them at more than two days' march from the city, and that the ancient castle should be left in their hands. This gave Roger an entry into the city, which henceforth became his mainland capital* He gained a second triumph when Amalfi admitted his overlordship on terms which left the citizens the garrisoning of their own walls and fortresses* Next the feudatories began to think of submission, and Rainulf, Count of Avellmo, submitted on condition that the county of Ariano should transfer its homage to him, Rainulf was brother-in-law of Roger; he was destined to be his most dangerous foe, a leader around whom rallied again and again the forces of feudalism and local independence **in** Lower Italy. The Count of Avellmo was not only a man of great character and military skill, but he was also of the senior line of the house of Aversa and Capua and heir to one of the greatest

of the fiefs; later he became the real
antagonist
in the death struggle between the old
rivals of
Hauteville and Aversa, *

In the interval the Pope had made up
his mind
on the great question raised by the
death of the

*Falco of Bexwvento, anno 1*37, Del R6» vol. I,

* See genealogy of house of Capua-Averm at end **ol**